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County Executive Craig Welcomes Maryland Holstein Convention to Harford

(Bel Air, MD – March 6, 2009) - - Harford County Executive David R. Craig and the Division of Agriculture are pleased to welcome the Maryland Holstein Convention to Harford County on March 13 and 14.

The convention meetings and banquet will be held Friday, March 13 in the Callahan Center at the Mary Magdalen Mission on Churchville Road in Bel Air. The convention livestock sale will be held Saturday, March 14 at the Equestrian Center in Bel Air.

"Dairy is the third-largest ag sector in Maryland, and dairy farms are still an important part of Harford County's farming community," remarked County Executive Craig. "We welcome the members of the Maryland Holstein Association to Harford County, and we hope that they enjoy their time here."

"We all know about the tough times that dairy farmers are facing right now with the sharp decline in milk prices," added C. John Sullivan, III, Deputy Chief of Staff for Agriculture. "This convention will be a good opportunity for Holstein owners to come together for productive discussions about the future of the industry."

The Upper Chesapeake Holstein Club worked with the Harford County Division of Agriculture to bring the convention to the county. "The Maryland Holstein Association would like to thank the Division of Agriculture for sponsoring the use of the Equestrian Center, and for their help in planning this event," said Sam Smith of My Lady's Manor Farm in Monkton and member of the county's Ag Advisory Board.

For more information on the Maryland Holstein Convention, contact Donna Reese at 410-848-0106. To learn more about agriculture in Harford County, log on to www.harfordfarms.com.

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